

comprises partially coating the printed security sheet in one step with a layer of lacquer to the at least one distinguishing feature such that the at least one distinguishing feature is emphasized by increasing the transparency thereof; and coating the printed security sheet in another step over its whole surface to increase the durability of the security sheet.

#### ABSTRACT

A method for finishing printed security sheets to improve the recognition of security features. The method comprises partially coating the printed security sheets in one step with a layer of lacquer to the distinguishing features on the printed security sheets to increase the transparency thereof such that the distinguishing features are emphasized; and coating the printed security sheets in another step over the whole surface thereof to increase the durability of the security sheets.

#### IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2 and 3 and amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A method for finishing a printed security sheet, said printed security

sheet comprising at least one distinguishing feature, said method comprising:

- partially coating said printed security sheet in one step with a layer of lacquer to said at least one distinguishing feature, whereby said at least one distinguishing feature is emphasized by increasing the transparency thereof; and
- coating said printed security sheet in another step over its whole surface to increase the durability of said security sheet.